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August 4, 2018

2018 National Night Out
Tuesday, August 7

This marks the 35th anniversary of National Night Out events. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), is designed to generate neighborhood support and participation in crime prevention efforts, and to enhance police and community relations. Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, many communities celebrate with a variety of events to help neighbors get to know one another, build community spirit, and demonstrate a community's commitment to keep their neighborhood free from crime.

Throughout the county are planning block parties and other activities for their community residents. Check to see what your community is doing.

There are also several events that will be open to the public in the Upcounty area:

- Clarksburg Outlets, 22705 Clarksburg Rd. at the central gathering spot in the Lower Court; 5 to 8 p.m.
- Milestone Target, 20908 Frederick Rd.; 6 to 9 p.m.
- Plum Gar Community Recreation Center and Park, 19561 Scenery Dr.; 5 to 8 p.m.
- Upper County Community Recreation Center at 8201 Emory Grove Rd.; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Montgomery County Recreation Department Administrative Offices at 4010 Randolph Rd.; 7 to 9 p.m.

Additional National Night Out events in the county have been coordinated with other area police departments serving Montgomery County.

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Matching Mini-Grants Now Available for Neighborhood Projects or Events!
2018-2019

Sometimes all that is keeping a wonderful neighborhood event from materializing is a relatively small amount of resources... Well, now there is a local source for that!

The Neighborhood Events Matching Fund was established by Montgomery County to encourage capacity building, neighborhood beautification, networking, and to stimulate the local economy. The maximum grant amount is $1,000. Funds must be matched and the event must take place this fiscal year – between now and June 30, 2019.

There is no deadline for application, but the event must be held by June 30, 2019 and funding is limited. So, regardless of whether your project or event is next month or months away, apply now!

Applying is easy. For an application, contact your Regional Director:

Bethesda/Chevy Chase: Kenneth Hartman - Kenneth.Hartman@montgomerycountymd.gov (240-777-8206)
East County: Jewru Bandeh – Jewru.Bandeh@montgomerycountymd.gov (240-777-8414)
Mid-County: Luisa Montero – Luisa.Montero@montgomerycountymd.gov (240-777-8101)
Silver Spring: Reemberto Rodriguez – Reemberto.Rodriguez@montgomerycountymd.gov (240-777-5307)
Upcounty: Catherine Matthews – Catherine.Matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov (240-777-8040)

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New look for County Council homepage

Notable features include: easier page navigation, Council and committee calendar updates, convenient sign up for public hearings and legislative tracking subscription feature

ROCKVILLE, Md., August 1, 2018—The Montgomery County Council's website has been updated in an effort to streamline and refresh the home page to make it easier for residents to view and find information.

Some of the updated features include:

- easier access to Council and committee agendas and the public hearing sign up page;
- a legislative subscription feature, which allows residents to follow bills as they move from introduction to county law;
- the addition of an upcoming events calendar;
- "What do we do?" has been moved up to bring more attention to the work of the Council; and
- featured news is presented in a more image centric layout to focus on key issues.

To receive legislative updates, the Council's website has a subscription feature that provides individuals with email notifications as a bill moves through the legislative process from the time of introduction until it becomes law. Sign up to receive notifications about Council legislation by visiting https://apps.montgomerycountymd.gov/ccllims/bill_List.aspx and selecting the bill you would like to follow.

At the bottom of the bill summary box (shaded in blue), provide your email in the subscribe to notifications box and hit subscribe.

Go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council to visit the Council's webpage. Also follow the Council on social media:

- Twitter: @MoCoCouncilMD
- Facebook: @MontgomeryCountyMdCouncil
- Facebook en Español: @ConcejodelCondadodeMontgomery
- Facebook Asian American: @MCCouncilAA
- YoutTube: www.youtube.com/user/100MarylandAve
- Instagram: @mc_council

If you have questions or feedback please contact the Council at County.Council@montgomerycountymd.gov

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Birth Certificate Fee to Increase September 4

The cost to obtain a birth certificate from the County's Department of Health and Human Services will increase to $25 beginning Tuesday, September 4. Birth certificates are issued at the Dennis Avenue Health Center, located at 2000 Dennis Avenue in Silver Spring.

Birth certificates are available on a walk-in basis Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment is needed.

Birth certificates are available for any individual born in the State of Maryland after 1939. Individuals seeking a birth certificate must present a valid, unexpired, government-issued identification such as a driver's license or U.S. passport. The identification must have an issue date and an expiration date.   Only parents or legal guardians (must provide proof of guardianship) may obtain a child's birth certificate. For adults, only the individual named on the certificate, or his/her parents, may apply for a birth certificate. Applicants must have been born in Maryland after 1939. Those born before 1940 should contact the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Division of Vital Records at 410-764-3038 or 1-800-832-3277 (toll-free). Applications are available online at https://health.maryland.gov/vsa/Pages/birth.aspx .

Death certificates are also available at the Dennis Avenue Health Center. For more information, including fees and hours, visit Birth & Death Records.

For more information call 240-773-1207 or 3-1-1.

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Notice of Public Forum on Proposed Changes to Ride On Service
Wednesday, August 8   6:30pm
Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

If inclement weather, the forum will be held on August 9.

A public forum on proposed changes to three Ride On routes will be held on Wednesday, August 8, starting at 6:30pm and ending after the last speaker.   Proposed changes will improve service on Routes 43 (new Sunday service), 76 (new Saturday service) and 90 (new midday service). For additional information, please access the Ride On web site at www.rideonbus.com.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to speak at the public forum are requested to submit a written request, on or before August 5, to the Division of Transit Services, Ride On Public Forum, 101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Such requests should include name, home address, telephone number, email address and organization. Individuals signed up to speak must bring two print copies of their testimony for the record.

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible but not less than 3 business days prior to the date of the forum. Large print format also is available upon request. Please contact mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Anyone wishing to provide written comments on the proposed service changes may contact Division of Transit Services by 5:00pm on August 17.   Comments may be sent by fax, email or mail to:

Division of Transit Services
Ride On Public Forum
101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor
Rockville, Maryland 20850
(240) 777-5800 (phone)
(240) 777-5801 (fax)
mcdot.rideonpublicforums@montgomerycountymd.gov

All comments will be considered before any changes are finalized.

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County Offers Mini-Grants for Food Security Organizations; Applications Due September 4

Community organizations involved with food security issues are urged to apply for mini-grants ranging from $500 to $10,000 to improve capacity and infrastructure dedicated to increasing food security or to support inventive and collaborative approaches to reducing food insecurity. Tax-exempt organizations applying for the mini-grants can use the funding for direct service or assistance to vulnerable populations; this may involve meal preparation, distribution, transportation and/or delivery. The funding may also be used for recovery of food that is good to eat but otherwise would be wasted. The County's vision for food security is a community where all residents have access to safe, sufficient, nutritious food.

Funding for the grant program is included in the FY19 operating budget for the County's Department of Health and Human Services. Organizations can apply independently or in collaboration with other groups. I

Applications are due by close of business on Tuesday, September 4, 2018. For information about application guidelines and to complete an online application, visit https://bit.ly/2mZI76e . Questions can be directed to Diana Tato-Niktash at 240-777-3404 or by email to diana.tato-niktash@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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August 15: Opening Day for Making Indoor School Reservations

On Wed, August 15, beginning at 8:30am, the county's Community Use of Public Facilities Office (CUPF) will begin accepting online reservation requests from the general public for use of indoor public-school facilities for the 2018-2019 school year. This includes before-and after-school enrichment programs, evening use, weekend use, etc.

Please submit your request via www.ActiveMONTGOMERY.org CUPF issues permits at affordable rates for use of the county's schools facilities, county's buildings and libraries, the county's parks and fields, the Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza, and several regional recreation centers. To learn more, please visit: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cupf

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Maryland's 100 Best Public High Schools: New 2019 List Released

Data compiler Niche.com released a new set of rankings this week. Four Maryland high schools made the list of the 100 best public schools in the country. The rankings were released as part of Niche's 2019 K-12 rankings. Poolesville was ranked No. 30 in the country, but No.1 in the state.

Included in the top 50 listed are the following Upcounty public high schools: Poolesville, Quince Orchard, Northwest, Damascus and Clarksburg.

Congratulations to all!

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Montgomery County Recreation Department Gets Ready for the Fall

Fall registration begins August 13. Register at ActiveMONTGOMERY.org. **Learn more** at https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec

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For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: **http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news**

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:
County Council **http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01**
Planning Board   **http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/department/news_releases**

Also check out the latest from:
Department of Public Libraries http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library
Department of Recreation http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp
Department of Transportation http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html
Department of Environmental Protection http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp
Department of Permitting Services http://permittingservices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx
Montgomery County Volunteer Center http://www.montgomeryserves.org
Office of Community Partnerships http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html
Commission for Women http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html
Parks Department http://www.montgomeryparks.org
Planning Department http://montgomeryplanning.org